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7 6 MAR 1958

TO Chief of Base, Frankfurt

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FROM Chief, 35

INFO: CUS, Germany

SUBJECT { GENERAL REDWOOD/ALMARSH/Operational
SPECIFIC ALMARSH/15REFERENCES: A. EGFA-17094, 6 September 1957
B. OSSW-4613, 21 February 1957 (☐ ☐ only)
C. DIR 05779 (☐ ☐ only)
D. ☐ ☐ 549 (DIR only)ACTION REQUESTED: A. Contact and interview ALMARSH/15
B. Forward comments and recommendations regarding utilization of ALMARSH/15 services.

1. We feel that the previously prevailing uncomfortable atmosphere resulting from the Soviet charges of anti-Soviet espionage activities in Sweden, as stated in reference B, has by now subsided sufficiently to permit us to send this dispatch in regard to the utilization and exploitation of the services of ALMARSH/15, Identity A, paragraph 1, of reference A. A recent letter from ALMARSH/15 to ☐ (see attached translation of the letter) indicates that contact with Subject should be effected without delay in order to assess his potential for operational exploitation.

2. It is therefore requested that ☐ arrange a meeting with ALMARSH/15 in Germany according to the communications and contact arrangements given ALMARSH/15 by ☐ ☐ in August 1957. It is further requested that ALMARSH/15 be interviewed in detail in regard to his correspondence with a former Latvian Army officer in Latvia, who has indicated his desire to work against the Communist regime (see attached translation of a letter from ALMARSH/15 to ☐ ☐ and in regard to the identity of an AIS man with whom Subject had been in contact previously.

3. Please forward your assessment of ALMARSH/15's potential as well as your comments and suggestions in regard to his utilization to Headquarters soonest, and forward to ☐ ☐ station information copies on a continuing basis of any further developments in regard to our plans and utilization of ALMARSH/15 services.

(Releasing officer)

(Coordinating officer)

(Authenticating officer)

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4. An Operational Approval was granted AEMARSH/15 on 28 October 1957 authorizing Subject:

- a. To spot, contact and upon favorable assessment recruit RUSKIN potentials.
- b. To contact and interview individuals possessing information of intelligence value and to write reports on information thus acquired.
- c. To gather and furnish information on correspondents and mail channels to and from Latvian SAS.
- d. To use Subject as an accommodation address.

Attachment

Translation of letter

25 February 1958

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GREETINGS OLD BOY,

IT IS NOT MY PURPOSE TO BOTHER YOU WITHOUT A REASON. HOWEVER, SITUATION HAS DEVELOPED WHICH CALLS FOR MY ACTION AND ABOVE ALL IT SHOULD BE CLEARED UP, IF I SHOULD DO SOMETHING. I ASSUME THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE THINGS WHICH CAN AND THINGS WHICH CAN NOT BE PUT ON ICE. UP TO NOW I HAVE DONE THINGS ACCORDING TO YOUR SLOGAN: "SLOW OVER THE BRIDGE". ALTHOUGH I HAVE WALKED ALONG AS A CRAB, I HAVE GONE OVER THE BRIDGE.

THE CASE IS THE FOLLOWING: NOT TOO LONG AGO I RECEIVED A SECOND LETTER FROM FRICIS (TRUE NAME FELIKS, AUSEKLIS). THE FIRST ONE WAS ONLY THE FORWARD. NOW, HE IS TALKING ABOUT THE CASE. IN OTHER WORDS HE WILL TRY TO USE MY RECIPE (CODED MESSAGES) WHICH HERTA GAVE HIM AND WHICH SHE EXPLAINED TO HIM. THAT IS VERY INTERESTING, BECAUSE WE HAVE UNDERSTOOD EACH OTHER (FRICIS AND AEMARSH/15) COMPLETELY AND NOW ONE HAS TO SEE HOW IT DEVELOPS FURTHER. AT THE SAME TIME I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT MY PROMISE TO HIM (FRICIS) WHICH I MADE TO HIM WITHOUT THINKING TOO MUCH ABOUT IT. YOU SEE, AT FIRST HE ASKED ME FOR MEDICINE FOR HIS WIFE. THIS I SENT TO HIM IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT YOUR APPROVAL. FURTHER HE BEGGED ME TO SEND HIM SOME CLOTHING AND DRAFTING EQUIPMENT. HE (FRICIS) WORKS AS A CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER. I MUST SAY OPENLY THAT I DO NOT HAVE THE FINANCES TO SEND THE REQUESTED MATERIALS. I AM IN AN AWKWARD POSITION BY PROMISING THINGS TOO LIGHTHEARTEDLY. I CAN NOT GET ANY FUNDS FROM DAUGAVAS VARAGI (LATVIAN VETERANS ORGANIZATION) BECAUSE THE OLD DEBTS HAVE NOT BEEN SETTLED YET (AEMARSH/15 SENT SOME

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PACKAGES TO FORMER LATVIAN ARMY OFFICERS PREVIOUSLY IN HOPE TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THEM). VILIS HAZNERS (NOW IN NEW YORK WORKING FOR COMMITTEE FOR FREE LATVIA) IS PULLING HIS HAIR (BECAUSE OF THE UNPAID DEBTS). I THINK IT WOULD BE HUMANE AND NECESSARY TO SATISFY FRICIS REQUEST AS SOON POSSIBLE, SO THAT HE (FRICIS) GETS THE FEELING THAT WE ARE HIS FRIENDS AND NOT JUST PEOPLE WHO BRAG.

BE SO GOOD AND THINK HOW I CAN GET OUT OF THIS SITUATION AND PLEASE REPLY SOONEST IN REGARD TO HOW WE CAN SETTLE THIS. THIS CASE CONTAINS MANY UNKNOWN THINGS(?). I COULD SEND THE PROMISED PACKAGES ONLY DURING OR AFTER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS AND THEN IT MIGHT BE TOO LATE.

PLEASE DO NOT MISUNDERSTAND ME. I AM NOT AT FAULT (BY RECEIVING THE LETTERS FROM FRICIS) FOR THIS IS THE WAY IT HAS DEVELOPED NORMALLY, AND IT WAS NOT IN MY POWER TO SLOW IT DOWN. WE HAVE TALKED MUCH (BEFORE) ABOUT THE DOINGS OF THE OLD MAN (?). I KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY THINGS INVOLVED AND THAT YOU CAN NOT DO TOO MUCH ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS. THAT'S WHY I AM TALKING IN GENERAL TERMS. IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO ME TO KNOW IF THIS SPECIAL CASE CAN BE SETTLED AND IF THERE IS A DESIRE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. I DO NOT CARE WHAT THE ANSWER MIGHT BE. ONLY THING I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IS A CLEAR REPLY.

I DO NOT KNOW YOUR PRESENT WHEREABOUTS, ALTHOUGH I HOPE THIS LETTER WILL REACH YOU SOON. THERE IS INFORMATION THAT SOME LATVIANS HAVE ARRIVED IN FINLAND. THEY ARE IN FINISH CUSTODY, BUT THE FINNS WOULD LIKE TO GET RID OF THEM BY SENDING THEM ACROSS THE BORDER TO THIS PLACE. (SWEDEN)

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I DO NOT KNOW ANYTHING MORE ABOUT THIS, BECAUSE NOBODY SHOWS ANY
NOTICABLE ACTIVITY IN REGARD TO THIS. DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING MORE?

I AM NOT ANGRY AT YOU AND I HOPE YOU WILL NOT MISUNDERSTAND ME.
I AM AWAITING A SOON REPLY.

GREETINGS FROM VEETA.

WITH ALL THE BEST

P.

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